Supply of fire control system for Bofors Guns by Marconi group of companies

1619. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Marconi group of companies supplied the fire control system for the Bofors 155 m.m. howitzer gun purchased by Government:

(b) whether the Eureka Sales Company are agents for the Marconi group; and

(c) whether the U.K. Government have launched prosecutions against the Marconi group for the alleged fraud?

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) M|s Bofors have supplied three Fire Control Equipment, manufactured by M|s Marconi, U.K. for the 155 m.m. FH 77B Field Howitzers.

(b) According to the information available with the Ministry of Defence, M|s Eureka Sales Company had been engaged by M|s Marconi Secure Radio Systems Ltd., U.K., (which is not the supplier of Fire Control Equipments for 155 mm FH 77B Gun) on retainer basis.

(c) The Ministry of Defence has no information on the matter.

Selection of a professor in social systems Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru University

1620. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection of a Professor in the Social Systems Centre|Department of the Jawaharlal Nehru University has been held up despite a unanimous recommendation of the selection committee; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to expedite the selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) According to the provisions of the Statutes of Jawaharlal Nehru University, appointment of teachers in the University are made by the Executive Council on the recommendations of statutory Selection Committees. Statute 27(4) provides that if the Executive Council is unable to accept any recommendation made by the Selection Committee, it may remit the same to the Selection Committee for reconsideration, and if the difference is not resolved; the Executive Council shall record its reasons and submit the case to the Visitor for orders

According to the information furnished by the University, the recommendations made by the Selection Committee for the post of Professor in Sociology in the Centre for the Study of Socoal Systems, School of Social Sciences, in its meeting held on 27.12.89 were considered by the Executive Council on 12.1.90. The Executive Council resolved to request the Selection Committee to reconsider its recommendations. The reconvened Selecetion Committe held on 25.4.90 reiterated its earlier re-commendations. The Executive Council considered the matter again on 31.5.90 and did not agree with the recommendations made by the reconvened Selection Committe. It. therefore. resolved to refer the matter to the Visitor for orders in terms of Statute 27(4) of the statutes of the university. The matter is under consideration.

Detection of Dhows equipped with modern communications systems near Indian coast line

1621 SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dhows equipped with modern evesdropping equipment, updated radars and sophisticated satellite communication system were

detected by the Coast Guards during the last few months operating near the Indian coastline overlooking the Arabian Sea;

(b) if so, whether these were captured, and identified as working for Pakistan or any other country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to meet the danger posed by possible reconnoitring activities of certain countries against India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) A number of dhows engaged in smuggling of gold and silver have been apprehended by Coast Guard ships. Some of these dhows have been found to be fitted with modern commercially available radars, satellite navigation and communication equipment. However, no instance has come to the notice of the Coast Guard where such dhows were found to be engaged in spying activities.

(c) The Coast Guard remain ever vigilant to check and apprehend any vessel engaged in unlawful activities in the Indian territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone.

Decommissioning of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant

1622. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to decommission Tarapur Atomic Power Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard stating the steps taken to protect people from radiation problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Tarapur Atomic Power Plant will be completing its normally estimated economic life of about 25 years in the year 1994-95. However, having regard to the health of the plant components the plant could be operated for a longer time.

(b) A committee constituted by the Nuclear Power Corporation has made a preliminary study on decommissioning of Tarapur Atomic Power Plant and have submitted a report. Technological options for decommissioning the plant are available. The spent fuel which contains most of the radioactivity will be removed and taken for safe storage|reprocessing. All radioactive parts will be decontaminated to safe levels. The decommissioning procedures and operations will be subject to review by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board. The entire effort is directed towards ensuring that the safety of people and environment is assured.

Names of recipients of payments in Bofors gun deal

1623. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed to disclose the names of the recipients of illegitimate payments in the Bofors gun deal; and

(b) if so, what further steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The CBI is vigorously pursuing its investigations to identify the recipients of payments in the Bofors Gun deal.

बोफोर्स तोप सौदे की जांच

1624. **श्री बलराम सिंह यादव :**
श्रीमती कैलाश पति :
श्री सैयद सिब्ते रजी :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रधान मंत्री जी ने पदभार ग्रहण करने के पश्चात यह घोषणा की